

SENATE BILL 171
By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 12; Title 42; Title 50; Title 62; Title 63 and Title 71, relative to the "Efficiency in Government Act of 2003".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, is amended by adding Sections 2 through 3 as a new part thereto.

SECTION 2. Section 4-3-5601. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Efficiency in Government Act of 2003".

SECTION 3.

(a) Every state governmental entity that requires any information from any person, firm, association, partnership, corporation or other entity, shall respond to such person or entity within the same amount of time that the governmental entity has demanded from such person or entity.

(b) Every state governmental entity that receives a response from a person or entity in a timely manner as provided in subsection (a) and such response is satisfactory to the requesting state governmental entity, then such state governmental entity shall timely notify such person or entity that the response was received and that the response was timely.

(c) Every state governmental entity that receives a response from a person or entity in a timely manner as provided in subsection (a) and such response is not satisfactory to the requesting state governmental entity, then the state governmental entity shall inform the person or entity and may demand further information or other action by the person or entity.

(d) If a state governmental entity that requires any information from any person, firm, association, partnership, corporation or other entity, does not respond to such person or entity within the same amount of time that the governmental entity has demanded from such person or entity, then such state governmental entity shall not take any adverse action or position against such person or entity based upon the information provided by such person or entity.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.